

**R E M A R K S**

Claims 1, 4-13 and 17-20 are pending. By this amendment, claims 1, 4 and 11-13 are amended and claims 2, 3 and 14-16 are canceled.

The Office Action indicates that the drawings are acceptable subject to correction of informalities. Attached hereto are formal drawings that correct the informalities.

The Office Action objects to the specification because of informalities. The specification has been amended as suggested. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Office Action's indication that claims 3, 4, 6, 7, 9-12, 16, 18 and 20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The subject matter of claims 2 and 3 has been incorporated into claim 1, the subject matter of claim 1 has been incorporated into claims 11 and 12, and the subject matter of claims 14-16 has been incorporated into claim 13. Accordingly, it is submitted that all claims should be allowable.

The Office Action rejects certain claims over various prior art. It is submitted that the above amendments render moot these rejections. Withdrawal of the rejections is requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4200 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

The Office is authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Kenyon & Kenyon Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

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**IN THE DRAWINGS**

Please substitute the attached drawings for the drawings filed with the application.